We will not wait until after Christmas to have a Clearing Sale. We will start in right now, so that all our customers may get the full benefit of it. We have made special arrangements about delivering goods, and will also deliver Christmas morning. We know this announcement will bring a rush of business, but we are prepared to meet it, and give you every attention.

One-Third Off all our Fine Parlor Furniture, suites and single pieces; our Library and Dining Room Furniture, Easy Chairs, Rockers, Chamber Furniture, Cheval

Lansburgh Furniture Co.. 1226 F St. N. W. Open Christmas Day till 12 o'clock.

Glasses, Chiffoniers, Etc.

EARN 'em by heartour name, address and 'phone number! This knowledge will be useful to you when you're disgusted with "half-way" laundered linen-and want the best!

Frazee's Laundry 5128th St. 132214th St. 605 13th St. 3109 M St.

'Phone No. 592.

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Gifts at Gift Prices.

Select any articles you admire in our \$100,000 stock of Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches, Cut Glass, &c., and we'll sell the same at

for what they'll bring. Every & article sold—nothing reserved.

Jacobs Bros., Pa. ave. Diamond Importers and Jewelers,

are positively retiring from business, and the entire stock must go.

Sales every day at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. The highest bid will buy, no matter how

J. H. French will conduct the sale for F. Warren Johnson, auctioneer.

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Scott's Emulsion. 67c
Paine's Celery Compound. 69c Cuticura Resolvent 69c.
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Kolb Pharmacy,

no4-3m25 438 7TH ST., COR, E N.W. ***************

XMAS ROMEO SLIPPERS, with Slippers. Choice Styles. Low

easy-\$2 qualities - now only.....\$1.48 Hamlet and Opera Styles

(newest) - \$2 qualities only \$1.48 Prices. Embroidered Slippers from 75c. up.

Robert Cohen & Sons. 630 Pa. Ave. N. W.

Cut Glass Pungents,

 filled with finest quality English
 Lavender, for only 29c. Cost you
 fully 50c. elsewhere. Myriads of other grand "gift" suggestions; such as Sterling SIIver Novelties, Cut Glass Pieces, "Extracts," etc. Every one of - them attractively priced.

OGRAM'S, 13th & Pa. Ave. n-2-3m,40

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Places Where Much Needed Articles Can Be Obtained.

Useful Articles to Be Found in This City.

A special drug sale is being conducted at all of O'Donnell's reliable drug stores. They are located at 32d and M streets, 32d and O streets and 3d street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Prices of popular medical compounds are cut down to the lowest margin.

After all the inner man should not be forgotten in selecting our Christmas gifts. With this idea in view Thomas L. Hume of 1204 32d street has laid in a large assortment of layer, pound, fruit and other cakes, and any one would be glad to be surprised by receiving one of them on Christmas morning.

An article of jewelry has peculiar charm for the ladies, and residents of George-town need not go far in order to find a fine assortment of such things. Blackford, at 3125 M street, has a large stock of jew-elry, which he is selling off at popular

S. Heller's windows at 720 7th street northwest show a splendid variety of hair switches, the prices of which have been cut in half. He also has first-class attendants ready to wait on ladles need-ing the assistance of a hair dresser.

N. T. Elliott of 506 10th street is offering a unique article to his customers as a Christmas gift. It is no less than his '98' record calendars, and while they previously sold for 25 cents each Elliott is now sending them to any one who sends postal to him requesting one of them.

Easton & Rupp of 421 11th street are making a specialty of providing pleasing gifts for ladies for Christmas time. Their large store is filled with stationery articles that are especially appropriate for such purposes. There are oak and cherry sta-tionery cases, leather calendars, pearl handle penholders and many other articles.

Thomas W. Smith is known to all the builders of the District of Columbia. He can supply every piece of wood that goes into a building, and will give bids promptly for supplying this material. His offices are at 1st street and Indiana avenue, but he can be reached by calling 'phone 217. Byron S.Adams is known as the "prompt'

printer. He has long advertised his motto is being "I never disappoint," and he has rrade a point of living up to the motto. The Adams printing establishment is at 512' 11th street, and is one of the most com plete establishments of the kind in the

Elaborate spending of money does not bring approval of one's gift to their friends. Taste can be so used as to make a little money go a long way at Christmas time. In order to accommodate Christmas buyers stock of leather goods appropriate as gifts. rieties, from 50 cents to \$10, allowing the widest range of choice. There are card cases, bill books, memorandum books and a variety of articles to choose from.

In these practical times utility.

ciated in the giving of presents. An article of beauty can be combined with usefulness, and in no way can this end be better realized than by a dinner set. Wilmarth & Kaiser, 1114 F street, are selling a handome 112-piece Doulton dinner set as low as \$22.50. They are proving popular gifts and a large number have been disposed of. Wherever there is a child in a house there

BE YOUR

SANTA CLAUS.

Suits, \$50

9th street, has a store full of wonders for children. Every one of the thousand toys and ornaments acceded on a tree can be found there, and they are disposed of either at wholesale or retail.

A tollet set is a necessary part of the

bouddir of every lady, and makes a most appropriate gift at Christmas time. At Stevens' Pharmacy, corenr of 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue, there is a large assortment of these articles, in celluloid, transparent and beautiful. There are also dainty sterling silver toilet articles, ex-quisite perfumes, etc., and they are at-tracting much attention from the buyers. Robert Cohen & Sons of 630 Pennsylva nia avenue northwest, which is one of the oldest firms in the city, have made elabo-rate preparations for Christmas. They are

offering some of the very prettiest Christ-mas slippers, notably their celebrated Romeo slippers, with gores on the side, which they are selling for \$1.48. Embroidered slippers make nice presents for the head of the family. Cohen & Sons have a large variety of this line, from 75 cents up. Frazee's laundry will not send your shirts home in such condition as to spoil your temper for Christmas and the festivities which should make you happy. Their modern machinery enables them to take

cut the dirt without injuring the garment. Stieff Plano Warerooms, at 521 11th street, will be open every evening until Christmas. The warerooms are visited gaily by hundreds of lovers of music and probable purchasers of pianos. Lady cus-tomers and visitors are cordially received, and the advantages of the Stieff instrument are pointed out in a convincing manner. Purchasers of the plane are usually the ones to speak the loudest in praise of its merits, and it is therefore not necessary for

J. Fred. Gatchel & Co., tailors and drapers, at 604 13th street, guarantee to fit customers or to take no pay. They have so much pride in their work as never to turn out "baggy" or "drawn" fitting garments. By turning over your order for a Christmas turkey to the Cottage Market. 818 14th street, you will have selected for you any size turkey you wish, and the promise of the house is that you shall receive one that

is plump, young and tender. The same careful attention is given to orders for all kinds of delicacies. John P. Espey. 1010 Pennsylvania avenue advertises his carving instruments and other steel and nickel-plated articles in

cold figures, so that you may judge be-tween his prices and those of others. He refunds the money on any article which proves unsatisfactory. That is a guarantee of his goods. Worch's music house, 923 F street, is selling a beautiful new upright piano at \$5 per

month. It is made by one of the oldest firms in New York, and is guaranteed for seven years. Nothing would please him better than for you to call and inspect this instrument before buying a plane. W. R. Brown, 20th street and Pennsylvaria avenue, sells a home-made fruit cake which he guarantees will please so much as to make you order more. His store is headquarters for good things of all kinds,

and the large number of customers is tes-timony that he is holding his own. The Christmas relections of drinks should not be made without seeing the assortment of Chr. Xander, 900 7th street. For egg-nog, fruit cake, &c., he has the gold medal rye whisky. In rum, brandy, punch, &c., Mr. Xander has the best brands and sells them at prices which cannot be low-

Prince's famous Pennsylvania avenue ar studio has such a rush of work that it is impossible to handle some of it in the short time desired by some of the customers, but when a man or woman wants first-class work in the latest and most artistic style he or she is willing to wait a reasonable time. There is never much delay at Prince's studio, however. His artists are expert and speedy.

Every housewife knows something of Ceres flour. If she has not tried it her should be a Christmas tree filled with won-derful toys to bring happiness to the young-sters for many a day. J. Jay Gouid of 421 trial. For Christmas cakes and pastries it

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It's a pleasure to make other people happy - a

great pleasure—we'll do the same thing Christmas. It's also a good thing to look after yourself at the

same time—and, perhaps, a new Suit is just what you need. The line of Fine Black English Cheviots that

we are making an extra run on this week at \$10.97 will "Hit the nail right on the head," as it were. They

are distinctively Mertz and Mertz's surpassing val-ues—either Single or Double Breasted styles — and

will be made up to meet your fullest expectations in

pared to serve you with the largest line of novelty styles in the city.

Mertz and Mertz,

906 F Street N. W.

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A little girl of nine years, living in Wagar, Washington Co.,

Ala., had been sick from the time of her birth with some ailment

which no one seemed able to diagnose correctly. The phys-

icians who were consulted differed in their opinions as to the

nature of the complaint. Some said it was catarrh, while others

were sure it was not catarrh. The mother of the child had about given up hope of ever seeing the little one well again, but

one day her cousin advised a trial of Ripans Tabules. After

taking the Tabules three days, the child improved rapidly, and

could eat any food that was given her. In two weeks' time she

was well, and could run about with just as much vigor, and play

just as hard, as the neighbors' children. As her mother stated

to a lady acquaintance: "She had been sick all her life until she took Ripans Tabules, and they cured her."

never fails to give intense satisfaction. In fact, it is an all-the-year-round pleasure. Nearly all grocers sell it. Wm. M. Galt & Co. are the wholesale agents and place an enormous amount of this brand with grocers.

Mrs. M. J. Hunt, the F street milliner provided a splendid stock of Paris and London bonnets and hats for the Christmas trade. The assortment is a choice one, and she knows just how to fit every customer to make the style most effective. Men who want to make their wives happy should send them to Mrs. Hunt.

Gude's flowers and plants are too well known to need recommendation, but at this season of the year nothing is more desirable than a pretty plant to ornament a room. Some pretty azalias are in stock

In thinking over the money you have wasted during the past year and in coming to the conclusion that during the next year you will save something, it will be a good scheme to remember that the Union Savings Bank, 1222 F street, is a well-known savings institution. An account can be started at the bank by depositing \$1. After that you will went to save more, and will

find it easy to do so. Consult Mrs. C. Stiebel, 1113 G street, about the latest styles and prettiest patterns of bonnets and furs. She is an expert, and cannot only give the advice desired, but displays one of the choicest stocks in the city to select from.

Crowds of Christmas shoppers in search of presents of jewelry have taken advanof Gerome Desio, at 1107 F street. There are three sales daily—10:30 a.m., 2:30 and s p.m. The stock is of the finest quality and shoppers secure big bargains by atending the sales.

Fred A. Schmidt, 504 9th street, is makng preparations to move into his new building, six doors above his present lo cation, and offers his customers their choice of Christmas gifts at 10 to 30 per cent off. Everything goes at these reduced

The superb work of Keen, the tailor, 1310 F street, is known to every well-dressed man in Washington. Mr. Keen is turning out unusually fine work this sea son. This is due to his expert cutters.

Toys for every child in South Washing ton may be found at J. W. Barker's store, corner 7th and D streets southwest. Th list includes everything from a one-cent doll up to the novel and intricate toys and games, all put down to the lowest figure

P. R. Wilson, 934 7th street, has set out for holiday consideration a fine stock of household dainties, including the choicest line of table wines and all kinds of nuts and candies.

One can do wisely in going to the Kolh pharmacy, 438 7th street, for Christmas gifts. There is a large array of dainty and beautiful toilet articles and appliances and a thousand and one appropriate things for holiday purchases.

There is an abundance to choose from for Christmas gifts at the Veerhoff galleries paintings, engravings, water colors, photogravures, miniatures, statuettes and a great variety of choice and artistic art goods. The Houghton Company, 1214 F street

presents for the holiday trade the latest and most artistic designs in household furniture. Their stock of rockers is especially noticeable, because of the great variety and the novelty of shape and beauty of color in many of them. The kindly offices of the dentist seem

hardly to be in the category of Christ mas remembrances. Yet what gift would be more acceptable than relief from the thumping toothache that toils not (neither does it spin), but is mighty to hurt. The Evans dental parlors, 1300 F street, surely can help us to enjoy Christmas if we have need of its services. The chances are easily fifty to one that

the average boy or girl, if asked what they would most like to have for a Christmas would promptly answer, "A Twenty dollars will buy a twentynch Crescent at the local branch of the Useful presents are most appreciated by recipients, and nothing pleases housekeep-

ers better than something that meets as every-day domestic necessity. A carving set is a particularly appropriate gift to such, and an excellent assortment is of-Pennsylvania avenue. A new bicycle for \$27.50 is an unusual thing when the big prices at which wheels have been held is considered, but that is

the cost of an Ottawa of the 1898 style. The Iroquois Cycle Company, 810 14th, has the Ottawas for sale, and offers many other Leather goods are durable and most always manufactured into very useful articles. Seekers for holiday remembrances should examine the big stock of traveling

bags, toilet cases and pocket books at Lutz & Co.'s, No. 497 Pennsylvania avenue. The offereings in driving gloves, lap robes and other carriage comforts are also very at-A \$400 grand upright piano, almost as

good as new, warranted for ten years, and only \$125. Such is the offer made by Helbig of 1742 7th street. He has also a spiendid stock of new planos at \$135 and upward. For things that are cheap as well as good go to Redmond's establishment, 313 7th street. He has lounges for \$2.50, cook stoves for \$5 and other household articles at equally low figures. His terms are cash or credit, at the customer's convenience.

Persons having furniture, carpets and other household effects to dispose of for cash will make no mistake if they do business with Baum's Furniture Exchange, 912 Pennsylvania avenue. Estimates on hous-and office furniture a specialty.

Don't throw or give away your discarded Clothing, not even your old hats and shoes. You can get good money for them at W. Rice's place, 1332 7th street. He will call at your house if you send him word. Fur garments are made or altered into

latest styles by Mrs. R. M. Evans at her pariors on the second floor of 714 7th street. Her work is exquisite and her prices are moderate beyond comparison. For food and medicines for household

pets there is no place like Schmid's, 712 12th street. He is the friend of dogs and birds, and makes a specialty of their care and treatment. When any of your pets is out of sorts, consult Dr. Schmid and a cure

If you have any old gold and silver ornaments, or, in fact, any sort of discarded jewelry, you can easily turn them into ready cash at Ferd. Lowenstein's, 815 G street. It don't matter how old or muti-lated it is or what its character, so long

oil, pastel or crayon, and there is no better place for such work than H. B. Smith's studio, corner 6th street and Massachusetts If you want to turn gold or silver articles

or jewelry of all kinds into ready money, take them to J. Selinger, at 816 F street, and you will never regret it. He also repairs watches and jewelry at low rates. Persons who have never dealt with him would be surprised to know how much R. Selinger, 1592 7th street, pays for ladies' and gentlement's cast-off clothing and shoes and old gold and silver articles. No present will please's husband, brother,

father or son more than a new suit of clothes or a nice overcoat. J. D. Burns & Co., corner of 9th and G streets, have choice materials, artistic cutters and first-class workmen, while their charges are

A book is always a most appropriate gift, provided it is a good one, and at Pursell's, No. 418 9th street, a splendid opportunity is afforded to select the very best, from the melody nonsense suitable for tiny tots, up through the literature of childhood and youth, to the more serious study of mature age. At Christmas time just the same as at all

other times in the year John R. Kelly's stand in the Center market always contains the very best meats and the choicest cuts. A good cup of coffee means frequently a good day. Those who drink C. D. Kenny's dry roasted coffee always start the morn-ings right. There are many kinds of mince meat

on the market at this season, and a par-ticularly excellent brand is the home-made For a description of a charming hatel—the Hotel

mince meat, made in the genuine old-time style and prepared exclusively for Holmes' Landover Market, corner ist and E streets northwest.

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN GEORGETOWN ADV'TISEM'TS "I iquid" Good Choose!

The punch prepared and sold by the To-Kalon Wine Company, 614 14th street, under the title of To-Kalon Punch, long ago became popular, and lovers of both the red and white varieties are now ordering their favorite drink for the holiday season. All the ingredients for the holiday season. All the ingredients for Christmas eggnog can also be found at the To-Kalon company, and their famous recipe for making it is given away gratis.

A good way to let far-off friends or acquaintances known that you are thinking of them at this heart season is by means of a Christmas card. J. C. Parker, Nos. 617 and 619 7th street northwest, has on hand a remarkably complete and handsome collection of these cards, and in the book department department many unusual bargains are

Taken in moderation, pure whisky is valuable restorative for worn-out systems and a very good thing for the feeble and delicate during fickle winter weather. James Tharp's pure Berkeley, sold at 812 F street northwest, is excellent for these

In these modern days gas is largely taking the place of coal for cooking and heating purposes. In many small houses and flats there is but little room for a range, and the gas stove takes the place very handly. Gas is easy to use, per-fectly safe and very convenient—you can turn it off and on in an instant. Stoves for this purpose can be secured at the Gas Appliance Exchange from \$1.25 up. A crop of corn is a very good thing to have about Christmas time, but if the corn happens to be on your foot your Christmas leasures will be greatly marred. Prof. J. Georges & Son, chiropodists, 1115 Pennsylvania avenue, can remedy the difficulty.

go a long way. W. H. Stalee, the photographer, at 1107 F street, is prepared for the Christmas rush, and makes photographs to suit the most fastidious. If you are looking for a relish for breakfast Xmas morning, or, in fact, any morning, see that you get Loeffler's sausage. If your dealer does not keep it you can always find it at Mr. Loeffler's stand in the K

Photographs are always acceptable as

street, Western and O street markets. A rich cut glass bottle filled with fragran extract would make about as an acceptable Christmas present as one could well ask. Evans' drug store, 938 F street, and branch stores, has one of the most com-plete lines of colognes. Evans' celebrated Farina cologne at 50c, per half pint would just about catch your best girl.

For Christmas morning breakfast C. Rammling,312 Pennsylvania avenue is offering some of the most delicious home-made sausage. Mr. Rammling has a stand in Center market, where he is dispensing delictous meats that would add much to the dinner you have in mind for Christmas.

Switches come in handy at all times for the little ones, but if the lady of the house is growing bald a switch of another kind will in a great measure remedy the difficulty. For a Christmas present you can buy a human hair switch of Madame Sic-cardi, No. 711 11th street, at greatly reduced prices.

No house is complete at Christmas unless is prettily decorated with holly, ferns and nistletoe. At 1237 G street you can be furnished with Christmas wreaths, roping and set designs; in fact, all kinds of Christmas

THIEVES ARE ACTIVE. Christmas Shoppers and Others Victims of Light Fingers.

Thieves are trying to be as active as are the Christmas shoppers, and their work is making the police more active than either. A number of small robberies have been committed during the past few days. and several of the thieves have been apprehended. Some were fined in the Police Court and set free, giving them an opportunity to either repent or repeat their offenses, while others were sent to jail. Sunday night the store of M. Tregor &

Co., No. 1229 E street, was entered by burgiars, who carried off fifty-four razors and six pairs of scissors. Each of the stolen articles bore the name of the firm. A pickpocket, supposed to have been a white man, robbed Miss Rebecca L. Webster Monday morning. The young lady some Christmas shopping. She was in a store on 7th street when she was relieved of her pocket book, which contained a small amount of money and some visiting

Shoplifters robbed Albert Leavey's store, No. 696 13th street, Saturday afternoon. There were two Japanese pitchers stolen.

A colored confidence game was worked
Saturday afternoon on the servant at John B. McCarthy's house, No. 1625 15th street, by a colored man. The latter was given Mr. McCarthy's overcoat upon the repre-sentation that the owner had sent him for it.

John Remine complains that his overcoat was stolen from the north gallery of the House of Representatives last week. John Robinson, 1216 18th street, reports that his coat was stolen from 1214 18th street several days ago.

Miss Annie M. Steinberg Monday after-noon complained of a robbery committed at Masonic Temple. Last week the As-sociation of Spiritualists held a bazaar in the temple. Between Saturday night and Monday thieves entered the building and carried off a number of toilet articles, stationery and perfumery. How the en-trance was effected is not known, but it is

thought possible that the fire escape was used for this purpose.

The police are looking for two colored robbers who indulged in the pastime of snatching pocket books from shoppers on the streets. One case, the most daring of the season, happened on 7th street north-west between G and H streets, yesterday afternoon, in daylight. The victim was Mrs. James Baird, who lives at No. 1421½ P street northwest Miss Lillie Coburn, who lives at 2336

Brightwood avenue, was the victim of a robber this morning. She was near the Grant avenue crossing on her way to the city when the robbery was committed.

Mrs. Baird had been doing some shopping in the stores on 7th street and was ready to return home. While walking along the crowded thoroughfare with her purse in her hand, the temptation offered by the ner hand, the temptation offered by the sight of the purse was more than one particular colored individual could stand, and he grabbed it. The thief left the crowded thoroughfare and disappeared in an alley. Mrs. Baird furnished the police a good description of the man and a search for him was made last night.

lated it is or what its character, so long as the article contains gold, silver or platinum, he will give you a good price for it. The highest spot cash is paid by I. Friedman of 422 16th street for household articles such as furniture, carpets, stoves and office furniture, etc. If you can't call in person, send him a postal.

There is no better present for a dear friend than your portrait done either in oil, pastel or crayon, and there is no better place for such work than H. R. Smith's him.

THE CHRISTMAS OUTLOOK.

Turkeys Will Be Plentiful and Prices

Turkeys promise to be plentiful for the Christmas market, and it is believed they will be cheap. Dealers will not depend upon Maryland and Virginia for supplies, but will receive some large shipments from Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky, as well as other states.

The turkeys from Pennsylvania, dealers say, are usually in better condition than those from other states. This, they say, is because they are better fed and more carefully dressed. Several car loads of live fully dressed. Several car loads of live fowls from Tennessee and Kentucky have already been received. They were shipped here in cattle cars, and handled by commission merchants.

Speaking of the probable price of turkeys, a dealer said this morning that he thought they would bring about 15 cents a pound, and that possibly the extra large ones and the more inferior stock would sell for about 124 cents.

The Saturday Star BY MAIL

\$1.00 Per Year.

Decrease in Tonnage on O. and O. Canal the Past Year.

Seining the Canal for Bass-Sales at Stock Yards-General and Personal.

The season of 1897 on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal has closed, and all boats are tied up either at this end or the Cumberland end of the waterway, waiting for spring. A very few boats are moored at points between the two places. The last cargo of the season was loaded December 11, and the boat which received the load has reached Georgetown, discharged its cargo and is tied up with the others.

During the past season, which opened about March 15, and closed this month, the total tonnage of coal and other articles carried on the waterway amounted to 270,000 tons in round numbers. The great bulk of this, of course, was coal. The total tonnage figures represent a decrease over the showing made by last year. The local trade on the canal the past year was very good, but the coastwise trade was not up to the standard of former years.

The water in all of the levels of the canal, except the Georgetown level, was let out from December 17 to 19. This will remain the case until about the middle of next March, when the season of 1898 will e commenced. This morning the work of seining the canal for bass and other game fish com-menced, the work being pursued on the same lines as last season. The work is car-

Christmas gifts and a dozen of them will ried on under the auspices of the United States fish commission, assisted by the Maryland Game and Fish Protective Association. All of the fish thus caught will be dumped into the Potomac to restock that stream. The work last year practically saved 15,000 bass, and this year the work s commenced sooner than usual in order to permit as much seining as possible to be one before the water freezes hard. Sales of Live Stock.

At the Arlington stock yards, Arlington, Va., Monday, some few cattle were offered and sold as follows: Best, 4 and 44 cents per pound; good, 31/2 and 4 cents; medium, 3 and 31/2 cents; common, 2 and 3 cents. A number of sheep and lambs were sold at the following quotations: Sheep, 2 and 31/2 cents per pound; lambs, 5 and 6 cents; calves, 5 and 6½ cents. There were ten cows and calves that sold from \$25 to \$45 per head. The state of the market was fair for all kinds of steck. For One Day of Rest.

A movement is on foot among the clerks

of Georgetown to secure an all-day closing of the different dry goods, clothing, shoe, grocery, hardware and all other places of business, to give the employes a full rest after the busy rush incident to the holiday trade. A number of merchants have agree! to close their stores during Christmas day, and it is expected that a majority of them will be in favor of doing so. The movement has been started by the members of the Clerks' Assembly of this place.

Very Small Blaze. A local alarm was turned in yesterday for

a blaze in the dwelling house at 1034 Jefferson avenue. The fire engines quickly responded, but the fire was extinguished without their going into service. The house is occupied by William Tascoe and owned by James Kuhn. The damage did not exceed \$5. Charles Nicholson's Funeral. Mr. Charles Nicholson died Monday after-

dence of his sister, Mrs. Susan Pascoe, at 1026 Jefferson avenue. The deceased was in the fifty-third year of his age. He enjoyed a large circle of acquaintances. The

funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his sister's residence, and was private. The interment was at Rock Creek ceme Brief Mention. Mrs. Dr. John E. Miller of Willow Gien Manor, near Front Royal, Va., is stopping

with her sister, Mrs. H. G. Wagner of Miss Julia A. Memmert, who has been the guest of Mrs. Miller, near Front Royal,

Va., has returned home.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Hardesty, who died Tuesday at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Gay Street Baptist Church. The remains were shipped to Rockville for interment.

Mrs. William Balckman and daughter will be at home to their friends at their new residence, 1524 29th street, after Janu-

National Union Election.

At a meeting recently held of Potomac Council, No. 208, National Union, officers were elected for the ensuing term, as follows: President, Richard Rogers; vice president, Evan Welch; ex-president, Lewis H. Lanman; speaker, James McGuirk; recording secretary, William H. Wessells; financial secretary, John E. Borland; treasurer, Ernest Gibbons; chaplain, G. W. Lowe; usher, Charles F. Lanman; sergeant-at-arms, William Otto; doorkeeper, George Ripley; trustees, M. McCann, F. J. Parks and H. Anderson; delegates to cabinet, L. H. Lanman, L. Nackman and R. Rogers; delegates to essembly W. P. Challice, J. E. delegates to assembly, W. P. Challice, J. E. Borland and James McGuirk; alternates, L. H. Lanman, L. Nackman and R. Rogers,

and immediate relief, Lewis H. Lanman.

The Wonderful Growth. Washingtonians often complain that the own is slow and dead and similar expressions, but few towns can show more liveiness in retail business enterprises. The New York Clothing House, 311 7th street, is a good example of this. On the 1st of October, this year, the house was reopened, after being thoroughly renovated and vastly improved, and a liberal and extremely beneficial credit system was adopted. Since that time the volume of their business has increased with startlingly rapid strides. The stock carried includes ladies' cloaks and capes, as well as a line of men's clothing second to none in the city. Prices always low is their method of increasing business, and has proved a wonderful suc

Banquet in His Honor.

A banquet was given last evening by Miss Smith in honor of her nephew, Mr. Will Tate, at her home, 15th street and Florida avenue. The reception room was hand-somely decorated with holly and mistletoe, and at each place at the table a small piece of holly and a pearl pin were placed as scuvenirs. Mr. Garrison Smith acted as scuvenirs. Mr. Garrison Smith acted as toastmaster, The following guests responded to toasts: Mr. W. Torbert, "The Press;" Mr. Guy Totten, "The High School;" Mr. Dean Edmonds, "Law;" Mr. Theodore Dessez, "The Sprinter;" Mr. Eddie Ransdell, "The District Jail;" Mr. Beverly Towles, "The Scorcher;" Mr. Barkley Breckinridge, "The Sun;" Mr. Kenneth Goode, "Georgetown," and Mr. Will Tate, "The Hostess." The exercises concluded with vocal and instrumental music.

Enlargement Necessary.

The Arlington drug store at the corne of 15th and H streets has met such favor mong their patrons throughout the northwest that they have found it necessary to enlarge their magnificent place of business by including in it an addition to the north. The same beautiful style of ornamentation has been continued in this addition, in which the prescription department has com-modious quarters. In the main store there is a splendid display of toilet articles that give ample opportunity for selection by purchasers of Christmas presents.

Masonic Lodge Chooses Officers.

The election of officers of Mt. Hermo Lodge, No. 179, A. F. and A. M., of Hyatts ville, took place last evening. C. J. S Mayo was chosen worshipful master; M. F Hobbs, senior warden; G. H. Warkward junior warden; E. A. Fowler, secretary; Francis Gasch, treasurer; Frank H. Gasch, tiler; George Tise, member of the board of managers for three years.

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GOT THE STORIES MIXED.

Two Young Men Detected in Game of

Two young men, dressed in bicycle costume, called on a minister of a prominent church last Sunday and asked for assistance to enable them to get to New York, where, it was claimed, they had formerly been employed in a bank in that city. They said they had recently lost their places owing to a reduction made in the expenses of the bank. Their story, in substance, was that they were connected in New York with the church of the same denomination to which the minister to whom they were talking belonged, and after they had lost

talking belonged, and after they had lost their places they sold their wheels and purchased a tandem, on which they rode to Richmond, Va., where they expected to find employment.

Upon arriving at Richmond, they said, they found they were unable to secure employment, and so they started on the return journey. When in the vicinity of this city they were passing over a railroad bridge, trundling their wheel, when a train passed, and owing to the vibration of the passed, and owing to the vibration of the structure their hold on the wheel was loosened and it fell and was so much injured they were unable to ride it. The wheel was shipped to New York, they said, and they walked to this city. Their funds being exhausted, they wanted assistance to ing exhausted, they wanted assistance to enable them to reach New York. The story appealed to the sympathies of the clergyman, and he made what temporary provision he could for them and promised

Subsequently he learned these same young men had applied for aid from another source, but their story differed in many details. For example, they had said they belonged to another denomination than the one referred to in conversation with him. with him, and instead of being on their way to New York, they were on their way to Richmend. The men were seen and accused of lying. They acknowledged the truth of the charge and said they did not know why they had told different stories, but such was the fact. It is not known how extensive the operations of these young men have been in this city, or whether they are still here, but it is thought by those who have come in contact with them that the people of Washington should be generally on their guard against them.

to give further assistance the following

letective, arrested five suspicious characters at Sunnyside station last night and noon shortly before 2 o'clock at the resi- brought them to Hyattsville. Their names are George Grady, William Carroll, Peter

Committed to House of Correction

George W. Browning, B. and O. railroad

Bolan, Mark Donley and Charles Nyberg.
They were brought before Justice Carr
upon a charge of vagrancy and sentenced
to sixty days in the house of correction. For some time past citizens residing near Sunnyside and Beltsville have been troubled by a noisy gang of men, and it is supposed that the parties arrested last night are the

A jury in Criminal Court No. 2 yesterday afternoon returned a verdict declaring Maurice Conners not guilty of perjury. Conners was accused of testifying falsely during the hearing of a case in the Police

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